AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (currently amended): A device for deploying ammunition, wherein a recess (2) in thea body shell (1) of a mobile object provided for ammunition deployment is covered by a cover arrangement (4) that reduces a radar signature caused by this the recess (2) and having a negative effect is diminished, and wherein the cover arrangement (4) is opened by the ammunition upon deployment.
- 2. (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein the ammunition is deployed with the aid of a launcher located on the inside of the body shell of the object.
- 3. (previously presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the launcher has at least one discharge tube (3).
- 4. (currently amended): The device according to claim 2, wherein the launcher terminates flush with the body sheetshell (1) of the object.
- 5. (previously presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the launcher is located at a distance of 0-20 cm from the body shell of the object.
- 6. (currently amended): The device according to claim 3, wherein the discharge tube (3) is arranged on the inside of the body shell (1), so that loading of the launcher discharge tube (3) is possible from the inside.
- 7. (previously presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the discharge tube (3) is accommodated in a launcher housing (6).

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- 8. (previously presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the launcher housing (6) is fixedly connected with the inside of the body shell (1).
- 9. (currently amended): The device according to claim 6, wherein the launcher housing (6) includes at least one closable hatch in thean interior range space of the object, through which loading of the launcherdischarge tube (s) (3) takes place.
- 10. (previously presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the hatch is a squeeze lock (7).
- 11. (currently amended): The device according to claim 8, wherein a gas-tight seal is provided at least either between an opening of the launcher housing opening and the body shell (1) or between a loading hatch (8) and a loading opening of the launcher housing (6).
- 12. (previously presented) The device according to claim 11, wherein the launcher housing (6) is provided with a blow-off valve (10).
- 13. (previously presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the launcher housing (6) is provided with outlet means (9).
- 14. (previously presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the launcher housing (6) is provided with a connection facility (12) for control with the aid of ignition means.
- 15. (previously presented) The device according to claim 14, wherein the ignition means are electrical ignition means.
- 16. (previously presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein the launcher housing (6) includes grounding means (11).
- 17. (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of launchers are provided for deploying the ammunition and a plurality of adapters (13) are respectively provided between the launchers and the body shell (1) and forming a plurality of differing inclinations between the launchers and the body shell (1), to provide a range of the

angleangles of deployment of the discharge means ammunition is adjustable in lateral pointing and elevation with the aid of adapters (13).

- 18. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of land vehicles, aircraft and water craft.
- 19. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cover arrangement (4) comprises a radar camouflage coating.
- 20. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cover arrangement (4) covers the recess (2) such that a radar camouflaged structure of the body shell (1) is preserved.
- 21. (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein the cover arrangement (4) is opened by the penetrating body to then close again closes subsequent to the deployment.
- 22. (previously presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the cover arrangement (4) includes at least one camouflage hatch.
- 23. (previously presented) The device according to claim 22, wherein the at least one camouflage hatch is arranged as a single hatch, as a wing hatch, or as an annular or polygonal hatch segment.
- 24. (previously presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the cover arrangement (4) includes at least one elastic material.
- 25. (previously presented) The device according to claim 24, wherein the elastic material is provided with a radar-scattering coating.
- 26. (previously presented) The device according to claim 25, wherein the radar-scattering coating is made of metal.

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- 27. (currently amended): The device according to claim 1, further comprising a splash-proof protective cover (5) which is removed by a first discharge of the ammunition.
- 28. (previously presented) The device according to claim 27, wherein the protective cover (5) is of a radar-reflecting type.
- 29. (previously presented) The device according to claim 27, wherein the protective cover (5) terminates flush with the body shell (1).
- 30. (previously presented) The device according to claim 27, wherein the protective cover (5) is retained by a snap-in device.
- 31. (cancelled).
- 32. (currently amended): The device according to claim 5, wherein the distance is 0.5-1.50.5-15.0 cm.
- 33. (previously presented) The device according to claim 32, wherein the distance is 1-5 cm.
- 34. (previously presented) The device according to claim 24, wherein the elastic material is a rubber material.
- 35. (cancelled).